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Identical letters dated 22 August 2007 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Israel, the occupying Power, continues to perpetrate systematic human rights violations against the Palestinian people living under its occupation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, launching military assaults and raids against civilian areas. With the persistence of this Israeli military campaign, the casualties and destruction being endured by the Palestinian people, especially in the Gaza Strip, continue to rise.

Yesterday, 21 August 2007, as the Palestinian people and the Muslim world commemorated the thirty-eighth anniversary of the Israeli arson of Al-Aqsa Mosque in the Holy City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, Israel, the occupying Power, launched a deadly air raid in Al-Qarara, east of Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip, killing three Palestinians. On the same day, in Beit Hanoun, north of the Gaza Strip, Israeli occupying forces brutally killed 12-year-old Abdel Qader Youssef Ashour and 9-year-old Fadi Mansour al-Kafarneh. In addition, six other people were injured, including a 10-year-old boy, who remains in a critical condition. Israeli occupying forces also shot dead a Palestinian in Al-Ain refugee camp, in the city of Nablus, in the West Bank. These condemnable attacks come on the heels of yet another Israeli attack that took place on Monday, 20 August 2007, against the people of the Gaza Strip, in Al-Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza. Israeli occupying forces fired missiles onto a vehicle, extrajudicially executing the six Palestinian passengers in the targeted vehicle. The six Palestinians died instantly and scores of civilians in the vicinity of the attack were injured. Today, an Israeli air strike in Al-Shuja'ieh neighbourhood in eastern Gaza left one Palestinian dead and several others wounded.

We once again reiterate the urgent need for the international community to take immediate action to address all of the above-mentioned serious violations and grave breaches of international law and international humanitarian law being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people. The

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international community must not remain silent and must take all measures to bring an end to the continuing Israeli crimes against the Palestinian people and to ensure Israel's compliance with international law and with its obligations as an occupying Power.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 292 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 15 August 2007 (A/ES-10/396-S/2007/495), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that, since our last letter, 16 Palestinians have been killed, raising the number of Palestinian civilians that have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces since September 2000 to 4,654. (The names of the martyrs identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer

Annex to the identical letters dated 22 August 2007 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Friday, 17 August, to Wednesday, 22 August 2007)

Friday, 17 August 2007

1. Mahmoud Saleh Ashour Darweesh
2. Nour al-Deen Marei' (16)

Saturday, 18 August 2007

3. Mohammad al-Obaid (17)

Monday, 20 August 2007

4. Mohammad Ibr ..im al-Qrainawi
5. Ahmad Ali al-Qrainawi
6. Abdel Khaleq al-Helou
7. Ismail Abu Abada
8. Ali Sa'eed Baroud
9. Mohammad Abu Arab

Tuesday, 21 August 2007

10. Abdel Qader Youssef Ashour (12)
11. Fadi Mansour al-Kafarneh (9)
12. Nasser ali Mabrouk
13. Awad Ibrahim al-Masri
14. Mohammad Abu Salem
15. Shadi Mostafa al-Saqqa

Wednesday, 22 August 2007

16. Yehya Habeeb

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* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 4,654.